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Re: U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/766,800 for  
SURGICAL CLIP WITH INTEGRAL SUTURE-SECURING  
MECHANISM  
Our Ref. No. 1439/9

Sir:

Please find enclosed in connection with the subject U.S. patent application the following documents:

1. Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (2 pages);
2. Copy of cited reference (1 reference); and
3. A return-receipt postcard to be returned to us with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office filing stamp thereon.

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Group Art Unit: 3731

Serial No.: 10/766,800

Examiner: Not Assigned

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56, 1.97, and 1.98, the examiner's attention is directed to the commonly-assigned co-pending U.S. patent application listed below. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(b)(3), the commonly-assigned, co-pending U.S. Patent Application is identified by inventor, application number, and filing date.

Serial No.: 10/766,800

Inventor(s)	Application Number	Filing Date
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This is not to be construed as a representation that a search has been made or that a reference is relevant merely because cited.

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

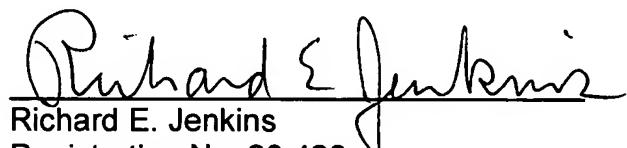
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